

# **Energy union protests over failure to consult**

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At its meeting on 21 March, the central committee of the Nuclear Energy and Industry Workers' Union (NEIWUU) protested about restructuring being carried out in the Chernobyl exclusion zone, where the authority responsible for the zone was taking decisions without consulting the union. The NEIWUU expressed concern about violations of social obligations that are stipulated by the sectoral agreement. The union also gave examples of staff relocations where it had to remind the authority that it had to consult with the union as required by the Labour Code. This was the sixth reform applied to workers in the zone and the NEIWUU says the authority has repeatedly ignored the union. The NEIWUU is also worried about commitments to increase wages and how this will be funded, with concerns that jobs will be cut if no additional funding is secured.

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